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To: Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services stakeholders
From: Kylee Hope, director, Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services
Re: Community Connections for People with Disabilities application now available
Date: October 23, 2020

The Division of Disability and Rehabilitation Services is committed to helping to mitigate the negative social, emotional and health effects of COVID-19 for Hoosiers with disabilities. DDRS, in partnership with the Office of Community and Rural Affairs, has developed a grant program addressing COVID-19-related issues of community inclusion for Hoosier adults with disabilities.

The Community Connections for People with Disabilities grant is intended to encourage Indiana communities to partner with local developmental disabilities service organizations to develop activities that support community inclusion for Hoosier adults with disabilities by either:

- Addressing issues of internet access and technology equity; or
- Addressing issues of social isolation and lost access to natural supports (family, friends, etc.).

The grant application is now available. The application can be found on DDRS' [Community Connections for People with Disabilities webpage](#). The application period will be open through January 10, 2021, at 4 p.m. EST. Grant awardees will be announced in late January 2021 and are eligible for up to \$200,000 in funds.

As a reminder, CCPWD grants are available to selected applicants comprised of eligible local units of government partnering, via sub-recipient agreements, with geographically connected developmental disability organizations.

For more information, please [register to attend an informational webinar](#) scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2020, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. EDT and/or [visit the CCPWD webpage](#).

